Facilities of Soil Testing in the Country

1827. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of facilities of soil testing available in the country; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken to diversify these facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) There are 499 Soil Testing Laboratories run by State/Union Territory Governments and Fertilizer Industries. This includes 128 Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories. The total annual analysing capacity of these Laboratories is approximately 6.0 million soil samples. The soil testing facilities are extended to the farmers for analysing their samples generally free of cost. A statement showing State-wise number of Soil Testing Laboratories and their annual analysing capacity, is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Under the scheme on "Balanced and Intergrated Use of Fertilizers", the Central Government is providing assistance for setting up more Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories in the country. Some of the existing Laboratories are also being strengthened for micro nutrient testing.

Statement

Statewise No. of Soil Testing Lab. and their Analysing Capacity

S. No.	State	No. of Soil Testing Laboratories			Analysing Capacity ('000)
		State	Mobile	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	SOUTH ZONE				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25	7	32	363.36
2.	Karnataka	20	1	21	614.00
3.	Kerala	13	8	21	302.00
4.	Tamil Nadu	17	16	33	1041.00
5.	Pondicherry	2	—	2	20.00
6.	Andaman & N. Islands	1	—	1	12.00
7.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—
8.	Lakshadweep	1	—	1	3.00
	Tota. :	79	32	111	2355.36
	WEST ZONE				
9.	Gujarat	18	8	26	284.0
10.	Madhya Pradesh	24	9	33	430.0
11.	Maharashtra	23	3	26	225.32
12.	Rajasthan	7	6	13	174.0
13.	Goa	2	—	2	18.0
14.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	—	1	1.0
	Total	75	26	101	1132.32
	NORTH ZONE				
15.	Haryana	27	—	27	300.0
16.	Punjab	29	19	48	475.0
17.	Himachal Pradesh	11	—	11	62.6
18.	Uttar Pradesh	63	22	85	144.75
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	2	5	35.0
20.	Delhi	1	—	1	5.0
21.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—
	Total	134	43	177	1949.35

1	2	3	4	5	6
EAST ZONE					
22.	Bihar	35	4	39	360
23.	Orissa	15	4	19	390
24.	West Bengal	14	8	22	174
	Total	64	16	80	924
NORTH EAST ZONE					
25.	Assam	9	7	16	143.3
26.	Tripura	2	1	3	15.0
27.	Manipur	1	—	1	10.0
28.	Nagaland	1	2	3	10.0
29.	Meghalaya	3	—	3	12.0
30.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	1	5.0
31.	Sikkim	1	1	2	13.0
32.	Mizoram	1	—	1	8.0
	Total	19	11	30	216.3
	Total All India	371	128	499	6577.33

Wheat Price Demanded by Farmers

1828. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Agriculture is favouring higher prices for wheat ignoring the price fixed by CACP;

(b) what is the total production of wheat this year as compared to the target; and

(c) whether Government are importing wheat; if so, what is the quantity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The Price Policy for Rabi crops including Wheat of 1992-93 to be marketed in 1993-94 Season is at present under consideration of the Government.

(b) As against a target of 56.50 million tonnes the production of wheat during 1991-92 is estimated to be 55.09 million tonnes.

(c) Contracts for 2.990 million tonnes of wheat have been concluded for import of wheat.

Rainfall in Madhya Pradesh

1829. SHRI SURESH PACHORI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have collected the data about the rainfall in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh during current year's Monsoon period;

(b) if so, what are details thereof;

(c) which district headquarters in the State have reported scanty or below normal rainfall with details thereof; and

(d) what remedal action Government have taken or propose to take to save the interests of farmers and poor in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to reports received from the India Meteorological Department, out of 45 districts in Madhya Pradesh, 2 recorded excess rainfall and 25 normal. Railfall was deficient in the 18 districts of Bhopal, Chhindwara, Datia,